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TO: Chief School Administrators
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SUBJECT: USDE Parent Checklist for Student Success

NEW
**USDE Family and
Community Engagement
Information**

The New Jersey Department of Education (Department) is pleased to announce a newly released parent checklist available from the United States Department of Education (USDE). As you know, family and community engagement is critical in helping to raise student achievement, and is a requirement per Section 1118(e) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*. As a way to enhance family and community engagement initiatives, the USDE, in partnership with America Achieves, National Council of La Raza (NCLR), National PTA, and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), recently released a parent checklist with questions and resources that parents and caregivers can use to help ensure they are engaged in their children's education. This tool provides questions to ask when working with schools to ensure all students are provided with an education that prepares them for college and careers.

To prepare your students for success in the 2015-2016 school year, the Department encourages you to share this valuable resource with your students' families. The checklist may be accessed at: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/title1/program/parent/> under the "For Parents" tab, and is available in both English and Spanish. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Barbara Pugh, Title I education program development specialist at: (609) 984-2879 or via email at: Barbara.pugh@doe.state.nj.us.

Thank you for your continued commitment to strengthening family and community engagement within your district and school(s).

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